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SUBJ: ICEM ENLARGEMENT: ISRAELI CONCERNS

1. ISRAELI MISSION COUNSELOR RAEI EXPRESSED TO MISOFFS GREAT MISGIVINGS ABOUT PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE MEMBERSHIP OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) BEYOND ITS PRESENT MANAGEABLE COMPOSITION. RAEI POINTED TO OBVIOUS ISRAELI CONCERN WITH ROLE ICEM PLAYS IN MOVEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL, AND DWELT MORE DARKLY BUT IN GENERAL WAY ON MISCHIEF TO BE EXPECTED IF DOORS OPENED TO ARAB MEMBERSHIP. (SHE OBSERVED EGYPT NOW HAS OBSERVER STATUS). RAEI SAID ISRAELI MISSION ANXIOUS TO LEARN IF US INTENDS TO OPPOSE ICEM ENLARGEMENT, AND WHETHER US PLANS TO DO SO IN DEFINITIVE WAY WHICH COULD LAY QUESTION TO REST. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ICEM HAD BEEN CONCEIVED TO BE SMALL, WESTERN-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION, MISOFFS EXPLAINED THAT ENLARGEMENT PROPOSAL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DEPT AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY ISRAELI REQUEST FOR EARLY INDICATION OF US INTENTIONS.

2. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO ISRAELI MISSION, AND GUIDANCE FURTHER ON
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